

Locals.

—Read H. D. Poindexter's offer of Premiums on Raleigh Standard Guano.

—Rev. W. H. Cunningham will deliver a lecture on Temperance from a Scriptural standpoint, at the M. E. Centenary Church, to-morrow—Thursday evening.

—Miss Emma Lineback, of Salem, a young lady possessed of a remarkably good voice, has gone to New York to take instruction in one of the vocal schools there.

—A protracted meeting began at the Methodist Protestant church last Sunday, under the conduct of the Pastor, assisted by Rev. T. J. Ogburn, and will continue through the week.

—Rev. C. H. Wiley, of this city, has been appointed by the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics in Washington, to assist in collecting facts concerning the internal commerce of North Carolina for the use of the Bureau. It is an excellent appointment.

—Farmers from Davie, Forsyth, Surry, Stokes, Yadkin, Davidson and Randolph called on us last week and expressed their determination to go to work at once and organize a farmers' club in their respective localities. "In union there is strength."

—Mr. J. A. Kreeger, of Stokes county, sold the tobacco from one acre of land, last week, for \$200.00. In reply to a question, as to how much commercial fertilizer he used he said: "I bought one sack, but did not use the half of it. I concluded my stable manure was better and I used that."

—The prospects for a good fruit crop, notwithstanding the apprehensions of damage done by the hard freezes in winter, are fair. The apricot and peach trees are blooming nicely and promise a good yield, if not injured between this and bearing time.

—The prospect for a good crop of wheat and oats in this section, is becoming more hopeful every day, and the apprehension among the farmers that they have been seriously damaged by the severe winter is yielding under the greatly improved appearance of these crops.

—The Charlotte Evening Chronicle, started last week in Charlotte, is a neat, bright, newsy paper, whose progress so far gives promise of a successful future. If we may judge from its spirit and the show of advertising patronage, it will be well sustained by the enterprising people of that prosperous city. Mr. W. S. Hemby is editor and proprietor, while James Robinson, formerly of this city, wields the nimble pencil in the local department.

—A RARE OWL.—A rare specimen of the owl family was captured one day last week in one of the tobacco factories, into which it is supposed it flew in the pursuit of prey. The plumage of head, face and under portion of the body is clear white, while the back and wings are tinged with brown, making in appearance a decidedly handsome outfit. It is called the Snowy Owl and is said to be of European origin. The bird measures forty-one inches from wing tip to tip, and is in possession of Maj. J. G. Young who has added it to his other bird treasures.

—THE ROANOKE RAILROAD.—We are in receipt of a communication from Messrs. J. D. Kirk, J. W. Miller and J. C. Moorman, Committee, informing us of the fact that in consequence of the favorable report of Mr. J. C. Moorman, who had just returned from a trip to Spartanburg, S. C., over the proposed line of the Roanoke-Southern Railroad, at a meeting of the incorporators in Roanoke, March 12th, it was determined to perfect the organization of the company as soon as practicable. In prosecution of that purpose, it was determined to open books for subscriptions to the stock on the 29th day of March, in Roanoke, and to hold a general meeting of the stockholders at the same place on the 20th of April next, to effect a permanent organization and elect a Board of Directors and other officers. An invitation is extended to the friends of the enterprise in North Carolina to be present at the meeting.

—In another column in this paper we give a simple form of constitution and by-laws for the government of farmers' clubs, which will be found convenient for those getting up clubs, and will save them the trouble of drafting.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY!

Premiums to the Workers!

FOR THE FARMERS, FOR THE LADIES, FOR THE BOYS AND FOR THE GIRLS.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is a live, and as its name indicates, a progressive paper, devoted to the interests of the farmers of North Carolina, and will be filled each week with twenty-five columns of reading matter, editorial, correspondence from leading farmers and others, farm notes for the farmer, household receipts for the housekeeper, stories for young and old, miscellaneous matter, mirth, wit, &c., for all.

It will be kept up to the full standard of modern agricultural journalism. We propose to make it a paper that North Carolina farmers may not only read with profit, but one of which they may be proud.

We hope in the near future to see it become a weekly visitor in the households of thousands of farmers.

In this work we have the sympathies and good wishes of many friends, who send us cheering words and write us encouraging letters, all of which we appreciate.

We want our friends to help us extend the circulation of this paper. We do not expect nor ask them to give us their time for nothing, and accordingly we offer as compensation for the service that may be rendered us in securing clubs of subscribers for one year, the following

SPLENDID PREMIUM LIST

embracing articles of real value to the farmer, to the farmer's wife, to the boy and to the girl.

There is no chance work, no prize lottery business, in this, and no Cheap John goods are offered.

Every one who works for us is sure of getting either one of the premiums offered, and everything offered is guaranteed by us and by the responsible parties who supply them as being up to the standard and of full value as represented.

The premiums will be securely packed, addressed to the getters up of clubs and placed on the cars at Winston free of cost.

Clubs of over sixteen may be divided between two or more post offices, but clubs of sixteen or under must be addressed to one post office.

The offer of this premium list will hold good for three months, that is to the first of June next. Now here is a chance for active men, good women, boys and girls, to help us extend the circulation of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, get a substantial and valuable premium, and benefit themselves.

The receipt of lists for clubs will be duly acknowledged in our columns from week to week.

If you don't want any of the premiums send us six subscribers and get your own copy free.

Without a Dollar you may get one of J. P. Nissen's celebrated Two-Horse Wagons.

For a Club of 200 yearly subscribers sent to us with the CASH, by the 1st of September next, we will give a J. P. NISSEN WAGON, two-horse, medium, complete with cover, worth \$80.00.

To the one who shall send us the largest number of subscribers over 200, we will give a Wagon and a splendid double set of Hand Made Harness complete, Bridles, Collars and Reins, worth \$95.00.

No. 1. FOR A CLUB OF 25.
One Leader Corn Sheller. Capacity 25 to 40 bushels per hour, worth \$10.00.

No. 2. FOR A CLUB OF 16.
One Smith Feed Cutter, worth \$6.50.

No. 3. FOR A CLUB OF 9.
One plantation Bell, with fixtures complete for hanging, weight 75 pounds, \$3.75.

No. 4. FOR A CLUB OF 8.
One Farmers' Friend Plow with wrench, extra point and mould board, worth \$3.25.

No. 5. FOR A CLUB OF 50.
One Double-barrel Breech Loading Shot Gun. 30 inch barrels, No. 12 gauge, worth \$20.00.

No. 6. FOR A CLUB OF 26.
One China Set of 56 pieces, worth \$10.50.

No. 7. FOR A CLUB OF 7.
One Disston's Cross Cut Saw, six feet long, worth \$2.50.

(The above goods we get from S. E. Allen, Winston, N. C.)

No. 8. FOR A CLUB OF 25.
One Dexter Corn Sheller, without fan. Capacity 25 to 40 bushels per hour, worth \$10.00.

No. 9. FOR A CLUB OF 30.
The Dexter Sheller, with fan, worth \$12.00.

No. 10. FOR A CLUB OF 8.
One Boy Dixie Plow, wrench, extra point and mould board, worth \$3.25.

No. 11. FOR A CLUB OF 32.
One Double-barrel Shot Gun, Muzzle loader, 40 inch, steel barrels, worth \$13.00.

No. 12. FOR A CLUB OF 6.
Four splendid Steel Hoes, worth \$2.00.

No. 13. FOR A CLUB OF 14.
One eight day, walnut frame Clock, worth \$5.00.

No. 14. FOR A CLUB OF 8.
One day Clock, with weights, worth \$2.75.

No. 15. FOR A CLUB OF 9.
One day Clock, walnut frame, worth \$3.50.

No. 16. FOR A CLUB OF 4.
One day Nickel Clock, worth \$1.50.

No. 17. FOR A CLUB OF 7.
One day Nickel Clock, with alarm attachment, worth \$2.50.

No. 18. FOR A CLUB OF 25.
One good Silver Watch, genuine American lever, worth \$10.00.

(These goods we get from W. T. Vogler, Winston, N. C., and are guaranteed.)

No. 19. FOR A CLUB OF 32.
One No. 7 "Selmo" Cook Stove, with 13 pieces and 3 joints of pipe and one elbow—a splendid Cook Stove, worth \$13.25.

No. 20. FOR A CLUB OF 27.
Sixty-six feet of 10 inch Tobacco Flues with six elbows and two caps, an outfit for a barn 16 feet square, worth \$10.80.

No. 21. FOR A CLUB OF 7.
One Tin Chamber Set, 3 pieces and neatly painted, worth \$2.50.

(These goods we get from Giersh, Senseman & Co., Salem, N. C.)

Send names, with post office and county plainly written, with cash, addressed to L. L. POLK,

PROGRESSIVE FARMER,
Winston, N. C.

Now go to work and see who can send us the most names in the shortest time.

FARMERS' CLUB.

Form of Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION.

This club shall be known as the Farmers' Club of _____ Township. Its object shall be to improve the condition of the farmers and promote the cause of Agriculture.

Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice-president and Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected for the term of one year.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all regular or called meetings of the Club, and to announce the order of business. In his absence the Vice-President shall preside. In the absence of both, the Club may elect a temporary Chairman.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the club, and carry on such correspondence as the Club may direct.

In addition to the officers there shall be an Executive Committee consisting of three or more members, as the Club may determine, to transact business appertaining to the Club.

Applications for membership must be made by petition, endorsed by one or more members of the Club. Such petition shall be referred to a committee, who will report at the next regular meeting, when a vote may be had upon the petition, a majority of the Club, not of those present simply, being necessary to elect to membership.

No one shall be eligible to membership unless practically engaged in Agriculture. Farmers' wives and daughters may be elected as honorary members.

There shall be no initiation or other fee charged. All necessary expenses shall be defrayed by proportionate assessment or by voluntary contributions, as the Club may decide.

The President, Vice-president and Secretary shall be ex-officio representative members of the Club to the County Club, when such is organized, and shall have full power to vote and act for the Club, unless the Club shall decide to elect other members as such representatives.

The Club shall have power to draft by-laws for its government.

The constitution may be amended by giving two months' notice of the amendment proposed in writing, but no amendment shall be carried without a two-thirds vote of the members of the Club.

BY-LAWS.

I. The meetings of the Club shall be held once a month (or oftener) at such time and place as the Club may direct. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee if deemed advisable.

II. The order of business shall be:
1. Calling the roll.
2. Reading minutes of preceding meeting.

3. Election of new members.
4. Report of committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.

7. Election of officers.
III. Elections shall be by ballot, the tellers appointed by the President, and those candidates receiving the largest number of votes, as counted before the Club, shall be declared elected.

IV. After the regular business, the club may hear discussions, essays or addresses upon Agricultural subjects.

ture, but no religious or political discussions will be permitted, or nothing calculated to mar the harmony of the Club.

V. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Each member will have the right to express his views fully upon any subject under discussion, but must do so courteously and not indulge in rudeness. Breach of courtesy will subject the offender to reproof, and if persisted in, he may be expelled by a vote of the Club. An expelled member cannot regain admission under one year.

Every member should feel it his duty to advance the interests of his fellow members, and of his brother farmers, giving such aid and council as they may seek, when in his power to do so.

The above form, with slight modifications, will answer for the organization of County Clubs.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Fruit prospects in Illinois are reported very much injured by cold.

The spring drive of Texas cattle is expected to reach 300,000, and, if prices be fair, it may exceed that number.

California ostrich feathers are said to be very much finer than those plucked from the birds in Africa, while the yield per bird is greater.

The Nebraska City saloon keepers have all signed an agreement not to sell liquor to any man who is known to have signed the temperance pledge.

A peculiar kind of influenza is raging at Canton, Ohio, and over 3,000 people are affected. Over 1,000 school children alone are confined to their beds and homes. The affliction resembles epizootic. None of the cases have resulted fatally.

Mrs. Mary Colter, of Kokomo, Indiana, is probably the oldest woman living in the State, being 116 years old. She is a relative of Commodore Perry of Lake Erie fame. She has a remarkable memory, a rugged constitution, and bids fair to live several years yet.

Hammond, a country village of Platt county, Illinois, is in the center of a great corn-producing section. Two hundred thousand bushels of corn are cribbed at that point. It is owned by Chicago and Toledo speculators, who are holding it for a rise. It fills 22 long cribs. The ground on which they stand has been leased for three years, it being the intention of the syndicate to hold the grain that length of time if necessary.

Winston Tobacco Market.

Owing to continued March winds, last week, breaks grew lighter towards the close of the week. Prices were off, somewhat, more particularly on account of harsh weather and dry tobacco. There is a prospect of another season—when breaks will be full again.

LUGS—Common,.....	\$ 3.00 to \$ 4.00
“ Medium,.....	4.50 to 5.00
“ Good,.....	8.00 to 10.00
“ Fine,.....	13.00 to 16.00
LEAF—Common,.....	\$ 4.00 to \$ 5.50
“ Medium,.....	6.50 to 8.00
“ Good,.....	10.00 to 12.50
CUTTERS—Good,.....	\$18.00 to \$20.00
“ Fine,.....	25.00 to 30.00
RICH, WAXY FILLERS,.....	\$12.00 to \$16.00
WRAPPERS—Common,.....	\$16.00 to \$20.00
“ Medium,.....	25.00 to 30.00
“ Good,.....	35.00 to 45.00
“ Fine,.....	50.00 to 60.00

PREMIUMS!
GOLD AND GUANO!

—BUY—

Raleigh Standard Guano!

The Highest Grade Fertilizer sold on the market

FOR \$3.50 CASH.

—FOR SALE BY—

H. D. POINDEXTER.



TOBACCO.—\$50.00 in GOLD for 10 lbs. finest Tobacco raised where it is used. 1 ton RALEIGH STANDARD for the second best 10 lbs of Tobacco.
CORN.—Also the same offers for the largest yield of Corn on one acre from the use of above Guano.
See report of Experimental Station, 1886. Commercial value 25-35. Compare with some others seen.
I keep WARNER MOORE'S ANCHOR BRAND LIME, the best on the market.